

**Funding Action Team
Meeting Notes
April 20, 2007**

Attendance

B. Blaesing, A. Clover, A. Cooper, M. Frierson, P. Kazmierski, R. Lehman, K. Ledbetter, C. Mann, E. Mullen, T. Petko, E. Timpf, J. Taylor, C. Van Deusen, S. Simpson and S. Maynard

**Meeting
Overview**

Theresa Petko opened discussion; SEMCOG Update: Chris Mann; Oakland Co.; Brian Blaesing; MDOT Budget Update: Ed Timpf.

Meeting Notes

SEMCOG Update: Chris Mann gave background on SEMCOG's Transportation Improvement Program Development Committee which, primarily focused on transportation funding, has explored issues concerning the importance of the transportation system to our state and regional economy and the need to adequately fund the system through both short and long-term stable sources of revenues.

The Committee presented a series of conclusions, including the fact there are insufficient revenues to maintain and improve the region's transportation system and that a stable source of revenue is absolutely necessary to support regional economy and to maintain and improve quality of life. Based on the conclusions, the TIP Development Committee developed recommendations directed at stabilizing current revenue sources in the short-term and to explore new innovations in transportation fees for the long-term.

The next steps for the project are to partner with state and local government organizations such as the Michigan Municipal League, County Road Association, MDOT and other transportation organizations in advocating for new revenues and to educate the public on the need for new revenues.
